(b) if so, whether Government would assure of taking early-favourable action in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) After 9.1.2004, the charges payable by cable subscribers to cable operators, and, in turn, by cable operators to multi system operators/broadcasters are being regulated by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and not by the Central Government. TRAI has frozen the different rates that were prevalent in different parts of India, as on 26.12.2003 and has only allowed periodic escalations based upon a number of factors including inflation. Cable operators are required to comply with the Tariff Orders issued by TRAI, from time to time, which are available on its website **(www.trai.gov.in)**. Entertainment tax is a state subject and Central Government has no role to play in this regard. However, while commenting upon the recommendations of TRAI dated 1.10.2004, Government of Andhra Pradesh has stated that Government of India should recommend to all State Governments to consider Cable TV & DTH services at par and impose the same Entertainment & Sales Tax on these services.

Guidelines on print media

1427. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have changed the guidelines on print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines have been issued due to entry of facsimile editions of foreign newspapers and periodicals into the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (b) Pursuant to the Cabinet Decision of June 2005, the Government has allowed publication of facsimile editions of foreign newspapers, in whole or in parts, in India subject to conditions. Further, the investor category in the news and current affairs segment of the print media has been enlarged to include foreign direct investment by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)

and portfolio investments by recognized Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) subject to the overall ceiling of 26 percent. The syndication limit has also been increased to 20% under automatic approval route. The detailed guidelines issued by this Ministry in this regard, are available on this Ministry's website at *www.mib.nic.in.*

Objection on Hindi movie 'Rang De Basanti'

1428. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi movie 'Rang De Basanti' was objected to by the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the nature of the objection;

(c) whether his Ministry had a preview to verify the content of the movie;

(d) whether any changes/cuts were suggested by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) After reference by the Central Board of Film Certification, the Ministry of Defence previewed the film but had not raised any objection to the film 'Rang De Basanti'.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir, the Ministry of Information and Broadcastin did not preview the film. The Central Board of Film Certification had previewed the film in the normal course.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

DD coverage target

†1429. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to bring hundred per cent population of the country under Doordarshan's coverage on a particular date or in this year;

(b) if so, by when;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.